
Solidarity Scholarships 2020 Regulations

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1. Introduction

Considering that:

- a. members of the USI community have expressed the wish to establish annual scholarships to help students who, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, have found themselves in a difficult situation;
- b. USI manages some of the scholarships granted to its students by other foundations, associations and private individuals;

the Solidarity Scholarships Fund 2020 is established up with the following Regulations.

2. Funding

The funding comes from donations made by members of the academic community, other institutions and private individuals.

3. Scholarship recipients and conditions

The amount collected is intended for Bachelor's and Master's students, who will either begin their studies at USI in September 2020, or whose studies are already in progress, in the form of scholarships covering the tuition fees.

4. Decision-making bodies for the assignment of scholarships

4.1 The USI Scholarship Working Group, composed of

- Pro-rector for Education and Students' experience
- Adjunct Administrative Director
- Administrative Secretary for scholarships, processes the scholarship applications and submits a proposal for assignment.

4.2 The Solidarity Scholarships 2020 Honorary Committee, composed of

- Manuele Bertoli, Councilor of State and Director of the Department of Education, Culture and Sport (DECS) of the Canton of Ticino
- Carlo Croci, Chairman of the board, Raiffeisen Mendrisio e Valle di Muggio, and honorary member of USI
- Marco Fantoni, Director of Caritas Ticino
- Stefano Modenini, Director of AITI Associazione Industrie Ticinesi
- Daniela Mondini, USI Pro-rector for Research in the Humanities and Equal Opportunities, approves the assignment proposals and ensures compliance with the Regulations.

5. Conditions for obtaining a scholarship

- Proven modest economic conditions of the family. The assessment will be made on the basis of the economic situation of the candidate and his/her parents, proven by the latest income tax certificate and/or by the proven explanation of events subsequent to the last tax notification.
- High academic grades.
- As a rule, candidates shall be no older than 30 years of age and the awarding committee will take into account whether or not a candidate has already been granted with another scholarship.

6. Types and amount of scholarships

Type I: annual tuition fee (4000 / 8000 CHF) or partial
Type II: livelihood, in exceptional cases
Renewals are not guaranteed to applicants.

7. Method of payment of the scholarship

As a rule, the scholarship covers the tuition fee.

8. Observations

In order to ensure an appropriate distribution of scholarships, the needs of the study programmes and Faculties will also be taken into account, as well as the potential requests made by donors, provided that these requests are not personal.
The working group may suggest that part of the fund be carried over to the next academic year.

9. Applications

Applications, along with all of the required documents, must be submitted through the appropriate online form available on the USI website by July 31, 2020. Priority will be given to applications received by July 15, 2020.
The USI Scholarship Working Group may decide to accept requests submitted after July 31, 2020.

10. Outcomes

All the applicants will be informed of the outcome of their requests within a month from the application deadline.

11. Suspension of a scholarship

A scholarship can be immediately suspended if its beneficiary decides to withdraw from his/her studies at USI or doesn't attend lectures regularly.

12. Non-applicability of the scholarships

Scholarships cannot be awarded for the periods during which students are exempt from paying the tuition fees.